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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

THE WEATHER VARIED CONSIDERABLY DURING THE PAST WEEK WITH IDEAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS, BUT RAIN IN ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA AGAIN RETARDED LATE PICKING AND GINNING IN THOSE AREAS OF PRODUCTION. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE PHOENIX AND BAKERSFIELD OFFICES WILL PROBABLY BE CLASSING WELL INTO APRIL.

OUR FINAL GRADE AND STAPLE REPORT WAS RELEASED ON MONDAY, AND CONSIDERABLE TIME WAS DEVOTED TO THIS PHASE OF THE WORK DURING THE PAST WEEK.

THE WRITER IS PREPARING TO DEPART ON THE 24TH FOR A CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND DOES NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL.

THE BAY AREA HAS BEEN ENJOYING SOME IDEAL WEATHER THE PAST FEW DAYS. THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY OF WARM SUNSHINE, AND EVERYONE HAS HAD THE URGE TO GET OUT IN IT. THE BEACHES AND PARKS ARE SAID TO BE POPULAR PLACES AT PRESENT.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS VARIED THIS WEEK FROM RAIN MONDAY AND MONDAY NIGHT AND HEAVY FROST TUESDAY, TO SUNSHINE AND MILD TEMPERATURES THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK. SOME FEAR WAS EXPRESSED CONCERNING PROBABLE DAMAGE TO THE LARGE POTATO CROP HERE IN THE VALLEY. THE HARVESTING OF THE REMAINING COTTON CROP WAS AGAIN DELAYED THE EARLY PART OF THE WEEK, HOWEVER, IT IS NOW RADILY NEARING COMPLETION. ALMOST DAILY WE NOW RECEIVE ONE OR MORE CLOSE-OUT REPORTS FROM GINS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE VALLEY. OUR RECEIPT OF SAMPLES PROBABLY WILL ONLY AVERAGE 400 TO 500 DAILY IN THE COMING WEEK AND GRADUALLY DWINDLE DOWN BELOW THIS FIGURE AFTERWARD, AS THE CLOSE OF OUR SEASON IS ANTICIPATED AROUND APRIL 1. OUR TEMPORARY FORCE NOW CONSISTS OF ONLY TWO CLERKS. MR. SMITH IS ON LEAVE TODAY MAKING PREPARATIONS TO MOVE. HIS HOUSE WAS SOLD SIX WEEKS AGO AND AFTER SEARCHING IN VAIN FOR ANOTHER PLACE TO RENT, HE HAS JUST COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HOME. INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK BY THIS OFFICE REVEALS THERE IS NO DEMAND FOR THE BETTER GRADES AND STAPLES, HOWEVER, A LITTLE INTEREST STILL PREVAILS FOR THE CURRENT GINNINGS. A FEW INQUIRIES FROM SOUTHEASTERN MILLS FOR MIDDLING AND BETTER COTTON WERE RECEIVED. NO RESULTING BUSINESS MATERIALIZED AS PRICES BEING OFFERED WERE TOO LOW TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE MERCHANT. A SMALL NUMBER OF 1942 EQUITIES WERE SOLD BY GROWERS... DIXON.

EL PASO - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN VERY FAVORABLE FOR GATHERING AND GINNING THE REMAINDER OF THE CROP. RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN VERY LIGHT THIS WEEK AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE RECEIVING OVER TWO OR THREE HUNDRED BALES MORE OF THE CURRENT CROP. THE GENERAL ESTIMATE IS THAT THERE WILL BE VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN ACREAGE, HOWEVER, AT THE PRESENT WRITING IT LOOKS LIKE SXP WILL BE REDUCED 35 TO 50% BUT THE REDUCTION WILL GO INTO UPLAND COTTON. THE WRITER AND MR. MACKEIL RETURNED FRIDAY FROM A GENERAL FIELD TRIP WHICH COVERED MOST OF OUR TERRITORY, AND WE FOUND PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE GINS SHUT DOWN. WE HAD GOOD LUCK CONTACTING THE GINNERS AND GETTING CLOSE-OUT INFORMATION AND IN GETTING DATA ON THE CMR-2 AND CMR-3 FORMS. WHILE WE WERE IN ROSWELL, WE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHAVES COUNTY CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, THIS WAS A LIVELY MEETING AND WELL ATTENDED BY THE PRODUCERS. MR. BUTTERWORTH LEFT EL PASO THE NIGHT OF THE 16TH FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA TO ASSIST MR. CRITTENDON IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS YEAR'S S.D. CLASSIFICATION. TO DATE, CLOSE OUTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON APPROXIMATELY 50 GINS. THE COMING WEEK SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SEASON'S OPERATION OF ALL GINS IN THIS AREA. THE PROOFS FROM BOTH COMPANIES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO PRINT THE COMBINATION GIN AND FORM II TAG HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND THESE WERE FORWARDED TO MR. LANHAM FOR FINAL ACTION. WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE SHIPMENT OF 300 SAMPLES OF MEXICAN GROWTH FOR FORM A, INFORMAL CLASSIFICATION, FOR THE ACCOUNT OF MASON WATTS OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. OUR HOUSTON OFFICE WILL BE FURNISHED WITH COPIES OF THE FORM A CERTIFICATE. VERY LITTLE INTEREST HAS BEEN EVIDENCED THIS WEEK BY MILLS WITH PRACTICALLY NO TRADING REPORTED. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN SOME TRADING IN 1942-43 EQUITIES. PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE COTTON IS NOW IN THE LOAN, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PUT IN THE LOAN. SXP QUALITIES HAVE JUST ABOUT ENTERED THE CCC PURCHASE PROGRAM OR THE LOAN ON #3 GRADES AND BELOW IN THE CROPS ENTIRETY. IT MAY BE SAID THAT THERE IS NO FREE COTTON OF THIS YEAR'S CROP OF THE HIGHER GRADES..... NISBETT.

PHOENIX - FROM SIX TO EIGHT INCHES OF SNOW FELL IN NORTHERN ARIZONA THE FIRST OF THE WEEK, THE REST OF THE STATE RECEIVING FROM ONE-HALF TO ONE AND ONE-HALF INCHES OF RAIN. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL PRECIPITATION FOR THE PHOENIX TERRITORY TO ABOUT TWICE THE NORMAL RAINFALL. WHILE THE ADDED MOISTURE WAS VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE PASTURE LANDS, SMALL GRAIN AND THE WATER SUPPLY, IT HAS FURTHER DELAYED THE HARVESTING OF THE REMAINING COTTON. RECEIPTS WERE APPROXIMATELY 500 BALES LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS WEEK. MR. BUTTERWORTH ARRIVED THIS MORNING, AND WILL PROBABLY BE WITH US UNTIL ABOUT THE FIRST OF APRIL. MR. ERB HAS COMPLETED COLLECTING THE WEIGHT AND OTHER RELATED DATA FOR DR. WRIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE CCC ARE SENDING US FIFTY-FIVE HUNDRED SAMPLES OF SXP COTTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO BE CLASSED AND PUT UP INTO EVEN RUNNING LOTS. THE COTTON MARKET CONTINUES TO BE VERY QUIET, AND MOST OF THE COTTON IS BEING PUT INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOAN. A FEW SMALL LOTS OF LOW GRADE SXP HAS BEEN PURCHASED AT SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE LOAN PRICE.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - NO RAIN THIS WEEK. CLOUDY AND COOL MONDAY AND TUESDAY. FAIR AND WARMER BALANCE OF WEEK. PRODUCTION STILL LOW, ABOUT 13,000 NET POUNDS THIS WEEK. NEXT WEEK SHOULD BE MUCH BETTER. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 8,370 NET POUNDS, MAKING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE 459,558 NET POUNDS.....DORR.

NOTE: MISS VIVIAN KOSKI, OUR ABLE SECRETARY, HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT SHE WAS MARRIED WHILE ON LEAVE AND DOES NOT INTEND RETURNING TO DUTY. HER PRESENT HOME IS ORLANDO, FLORIDA. SHE IS STILL LOOKING THROUGH ROSE COLORED GLASSES AND BELIEVES FLORIDA IS ALMOST AS BEAUTIFUL AS CALIFORNIA! WE WISH HER THE BEST OF LUCK AND HAPPINESS.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MARCH 17, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						TOTAL
		TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	
BAKERSFIELD	4055			320,934	2841			324,733
EL PASO	329			175,196	160			177,856
PHOENIX	2432			116,168	66	237		116,471
TOTAL	6816			612,298	3067	237	3458	619,060

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